

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4073
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2018**

EXPENDITURE ON DEAF AND DUMB CHILDREN

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Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred by the Union and the State Governments on the treatment of deaf and dumb children during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Bihar;
- (b) the details of rules and conditions laid down for the treatment; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to make people aware of the programmes/schemes implemented for the said children?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) is one of the centrally sponsored schemes, launched on the pilot phase basis in January 2007 covering 25 districts. At present, the approvals have been given for implementing the Programme in 436 districts of 35 States and Union Territories, including Bihar. The State/UT-wise details of expenditure incurred on NPPCD for the last three years are at **Annexure**.

(b): There are no specific rules and conditions laid down for the treatment of deaf and dumb children. However, the following measures are being taken to prevent and control deafness across the country to improve ear care services under NPPCD :-

- Basic treatment is given at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) for common ear diseases. For advance and complicated cases, patients are referred to ENT surgeons at District Hospitals and/or Medical Colleges.
- Provision of hearing aids and Cochlear Implant under Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase / Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) scheme through Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Provision of human resource like ENT surgeon, Audiologist, Audiometric Assistant and Instructor through Programme Implementation Plan under National Health Mission.
- Under National Health Mission, Government of India is also implementing Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) from 2013 for screening of children from 0-18 years of age for identifying deafness.

(c): The following steps have been taken to make people aware of NPPCD being implemented for hearing impaired children :-

- IEC material has been developed and distributed to States as well as uploaded on the Ministry's website www.mohfw.nic.in for easy access by State Nodal Officers (SNOs) for creating awareness among general public on prevention of deafness under NPPCD. Funds for IEC activities are allocated @ Rs.20.00 lakh per State/UT and @Rs.2.00 lakh per implementing districts.
- World Hearing Day is celebrated every year on 3rd March. On the occasion of World Hearing Day held this year, an ear awareness and screening camp was organized by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with Department of Community Medicine & Department of ENT, Maulana Azad Medical College; Department of ENT, Lady Harding Medical College; Department of ENT, Safdarjung Hospital and Society for Sound Hearing.
- Telecast of video spots on Doordarshan and Radio spots/jingles and radio programmes through various channel of All India Radio and Lok Sabha TV is taken up regularly.
- Inter-personal communication at PHC/CHC/District level by various Health functionaries.

In addition, during assessment of beneficiaries and distribution of aids and appliances under ADIP scheme, comprehensive measures are taken to publicize the scheme through advance notice in local newspapers, distribution of pamphlets, placing hoardings reflecting salient features of the scheme. Details regarding ADIP scheme are available on the website: www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in. Further, for Cochlear Implant under ADIP scheme, a dedicated website www.adipcochlearimplant.in has been developed wherein all information is available for access by the public.

ANNEXURE**Details of Expenditure incurred on the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) under National Health Mission (NHM) for the FY 2015-16 to 2017-18****Rs. In lakh**

S. No.	Name of the States/UTs	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
A. High Focus States				
1	Bihar	0.00	0.59	0.00
2	Chattisgarh	26.53	30.69	183.88
3	Himachal Pradesh	35.06	17.71	6.84
4	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.42
6	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Orissa	0.00	0.24	0.00
8	Rajasthan	0.00	66.83	61.73
9	Uttar Pradesh	20.42	187.61	371.20
10	Uttarakhand	0.00	77.07	79.90
	Sub Total	82.01	380.74	703.97
B. NE States				
11	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	284.32	14.42
12	Assam	0.00	17.41	22.29
13	Manipur	156.58	94.71	5.46
14	Meghalaya	0.00	0.58	10.48
15	Mizoram	122.73	95.64	48.68
16	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	2.23
17	Sikkim	0.00	0.90	0.00
18	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Sub Total	279.31	493.56	103.56
C. Non-High Focus States				
19	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Goa	0.00	0.00	19.03
21	Gujarat	3.74	54.66	3.19
22	Haryana	0.00	2.40	0.00
23	Karnataka	0.00	140.61	124.84
24	Kerala	0.00	69.78	230.52
25	Maharashtra	84.91	64.24	2.95
26	Punjab	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	3.25
28	Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00
29	West Bengal	11.46	308.76	253.00
	Sub Total	100.11	640.45	636.78

D. Small States/UTs				
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	6.22	8.43	1.26
31	Chandigarh	0.00	1.26	0.55
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	39.74	29.52	6.49
33	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Delhi	1.71	2.13	0.00
35	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	Puducherry	1.93	30.34	4.13
	Sub Total	49.60	71.68	12.43
	Grand Total	511.04	1586.43	1456.74

Note:

1. The above figures are as per FMR reported by the States/UTs.

2. Expenditure includes expenditure against Central Release, State release & unspent balance at the beginning of the year.